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THE EDITOR

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THE EDITOR

Edmund W. Vaz, Assistant Professor, University of Waterloo, Canada, received his Ph.D. from Indiana University. He has taught at Central Michigan University, McMaster University, and Sir George Williams University. Actively involved in sociological research, Dr. Vaz studied delinquency among middle-class adolescents in Canada (1962-1963). In addition, as recipient of a Ford Foundation Grant, he did field research with delinquent gangs in London and Paris (1960-1961). Previous research experience: Sociologist, Department of Labor, Economics and Research, Federal Government, Ottawa, Canada; and Probation Officer, Juvenile Court, Montreal, Canada.

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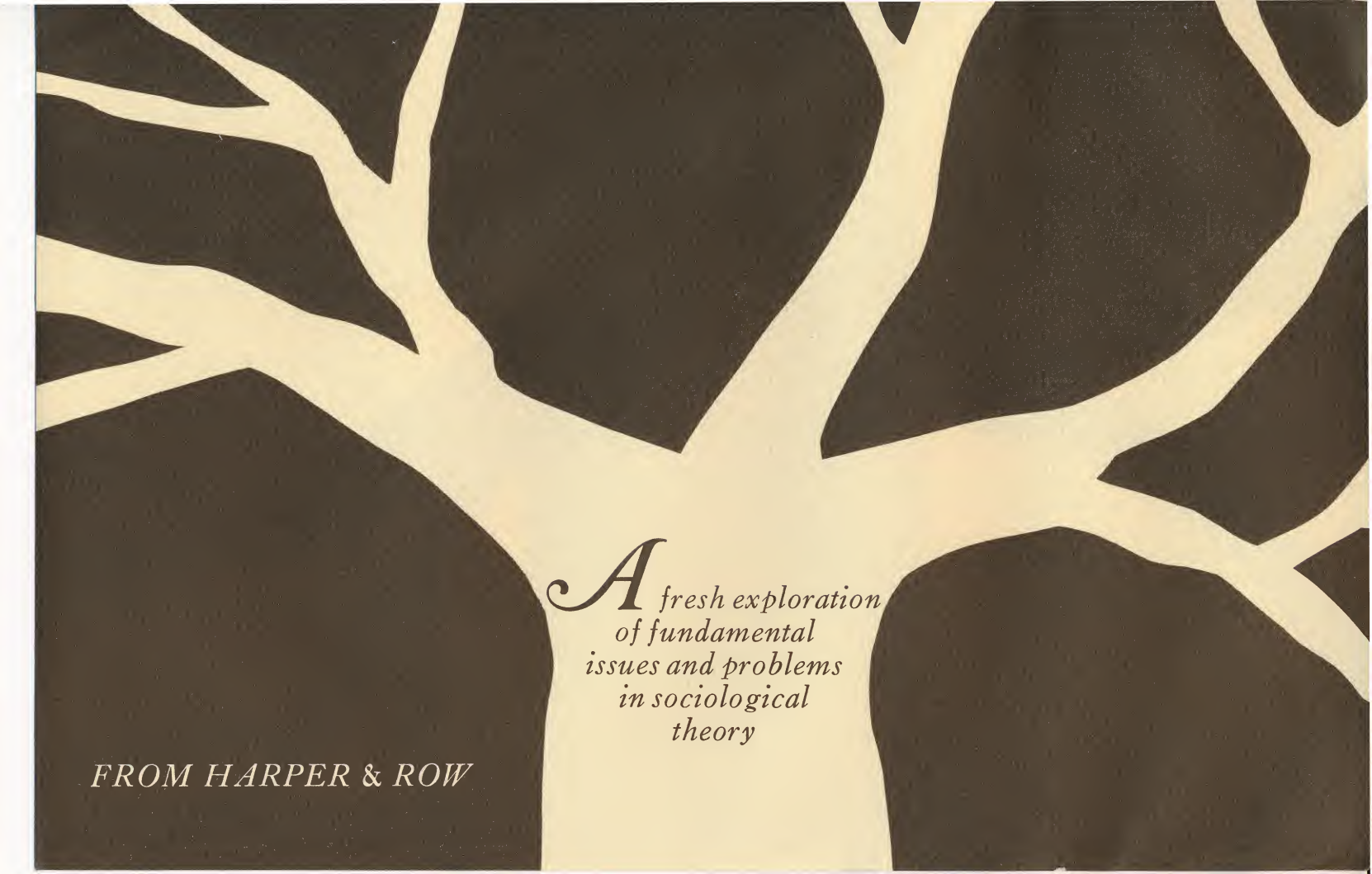
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